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now. There is some recognition that, yes, there is a problem we need to address. So the amendment that we are offering to you, Senator Baack and I, is one that would establish this planning committee, which we would like for you to consider, made up of twelve members, some from the State Board of Education, and some from the Legislature, Legislative Council, and, hopefully, including representatives of all the interested parties including business interests. Now, it is important I think for us to realize that the State Board of Education does play a role in this area because 994 did recognize the fact that the Educational Service Units were a part of the total educational system in this state, and, as such, the State Board of Education, obviously, has a role to play. The end result though, obviously, will be...will probably or without doubt will require legislative action at some point in time in the future as to what the solutions to those particular problems that I articulated for you might be. It is certainly my intent, and I know Senator Baack's intent, for this particular study to be as unbiased as possible, to be as balanced as possible. I know there is a lot of paranoia about that balance, but if we intend to really resolve anything, then having a balanced study is of utmost importance. We would hope that the end result of this might work as well as the Special Ed Task Force or Task Forces that met this last summer that did recognize the problem, number one, and then worked very diligently with a lot of folks involved to come up with some logical solutions. That is the purpose of Amendment 2505 which you have laying on your desk and I would ask for its adoption to LB 997, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The Chair would like to take care of some matters for the record here. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LB 811, LB 84, LB 124, LB 137, LB 380, LB 448, LB 512, LB 530, LB 534, LB 550, LB 561, LB 573, LB 780, LB 781, LB 831, LB 864, LB 869, LB 871, LB 886, LB 904, and LB 1114 and LB 1114A, all the bills that we passed this morning on Final Reading. And Senator Smith from Hastings has guests under the north balcony, Dr. and Mrs. John McBride, and Senator Pete Petersen has in the north balcony 11 guests from Trinity Lutheran School at Madison with their pastor. If you would all stand, we would recognize you and thank you for coming down and visiting the Nebraska Legislature. There is an amendment to the